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Vincent J. Kenkel, 86

Aug. 28, 1912 - April 20, 1999

HARLAN - Vincent John Kenkel, son of Anton and Catherine (Jacobi) Kenkel, was born Aug. 28, 1912, at Earling. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Church and attended St. Joseph's Catholic School.

Jan. 8, 1940, he married Irene Erlbacher at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. They became the parents of two sons. The family farmed near Earling and Vince also sold fertilizer and DeKalb Seed corn. They retired in 1975, and moved into Harlan. He died April 20, 1999, at the Harlan hospital at age 86 years, seven months and 23 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Mary Reinig, Lucy Rauterkus, Joe Kenkel, Bill Kenkel, Hubert Kenkel, Al Kenkel and Alfred Kenkel. Survivors include his wife, Irene of Harlan; his sons, Neil Kenkel (Bernie) of Humboldt; Gary Kenkel (JoAnn) of Harlan; four grandchildren, Shelly (Brian) Egemo of Badger; Curt Kenkel (Mary) of Lakeville, MN; Donnie and Dwayne Kenkel, both of Harlan; three great grandchildren, Justin Hovey, Leah Hovey and Karlee Egemo, all of Badger; his sister-in-law, Tillie Kenkel of Earling; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated April 22, 1999, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Howard Fitzgerald celebrant; Rev. Ben Kenkel and Rev. Leonard Kenkel concelebrating with Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt assisting. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Dean Kenkel, Cletus Gubbels, David Kenkel, Donald Kenkel, Dewayne Stolz and Tim Erlbacher casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

